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warehouse for bottling, or may be withdrawn from customs custody only if entered for exportation or if withdrawn by a person to whom it is lawful to sell or otherwise dispose of distilled spirits in bulk pursuant to the Federal Alcohol Administration Act (49 Stat. 985, as amended; 27 U.S.C., 206) and Regulation 3 (27 CFR part 3). The importation and disposition of distilled spirits imported in bulk shall be reported as prescribed by §§ 27.133 to 27.134.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1342, 1361, 1374, 1395 (26 U.S.C. 5114, 5207, 5301, 5555))

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§ 27.121 Containers.

Imported distilled spirits may be bottled in either domestic or imported containers conforming to the provisions of subpart N of this part.

(72 Stat. 1374; 26 U.S.C. 5301)

[T.D. 6954, 33 FR 6819, May 4, 1968. Redesignated at 40 FR 16835, Apr. 15, 1975]

Subpart I—Importer's Records and Reports

§§ 27.130–27.132 [Reserved]

RECORD AND REPORT OF IMPORTED LIQUORS

§ 27.133 General requirements.

Except as provided in § 27.134, every importer who imports distilled spirits, wines, or beer shall keep such records and render such reports of the physical receipt and disposition of such liquors as are required to be kept by a wholesale or retail dealer, as applicable, under the provision of part 31 of this chapter. Any importer who does not take physical possession of the liquors at the time of, but is responsible for, their release from customs custody shall keep commercial records reflecting such release; such records shall identify the kind and quantity of the liquors released, the name and address of the person receiving the liquors from customs custody, and the date of release, and shall be filed chronologically by release dates. Records and reports will not be required under this part

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with respect of liquors while in customs custody.

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§ 27.134 Proprietors of qualified premises.

Importing operations conducted by proprietors of premises qualified under the provisions of this chapter shall be recorded and reported in accordance with the regulations governing the operations of each such premises.

(72 Stat. 1342, 1361, 1395; 26 U.S.C. 5114, 5207, 5555)

[T.D. 6388, 24 FR 4824, June 12, 1959, as amended by T.D. 6477, 25 FR 6207, July 1, 1960. Redesignated at 40 FR 16835, Apr. 15, 1975]

FILING AND RETENTION OF RECORDS AND REPORTS

§ 27.136 Filing.

(a) All records and reports required by this part will be maintained separately, by transaction or reporting date, at the importer's place of business. The appropriate TTB officer may, pursuant to an application, authorize files, or an individual file, to be maintained at another business location under the control of the importer, if the alternative location does not cause undue inconvenience to appropriate TTB officers desiring to examine the files or delay in the timely submission of documents, and are not inconsistent with Customs recordkeeping requirements (See 19 CFR part 163).

(b) If an importer conducts wholesale operations, one legible copy of each required record of receipt and disposition shall be filed not later than one business day following the date of transaction.

(c) If an importer conducts only retail operations, they may maintain either loose-leaf or book records of the daily receipt of liquors which contain all the required information.

(d) Supporting documents, such as consignors' invoices, delivery receipts, bills of lading, etc., or exact copies of the same, may be filed in accordance with the importer's regular accounting and recordkeeping practices.

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§ 27.137 Retention.

All records required by this part, documents or copies of documents supporting these records, and file copies of reports required by this part, must be retained for not less than three years, and during this period must be available, during business hours, for inspection and copying by appropriate TTB or Customs officers. Furthermore, the appropriate TTB officer may require these records to be kept for an additional period of not more than three years in any case where the appropriate TTB officer determines retention necessary or advisable. Any records, or copies thereof, containing any of the information required by this part to be prepared, wherever kept, must also be made available for inspection and copying.

[T.D. ATF-474, 67 FR 11232, Mar. 13, 2002]

OTHER RECORDS

§ 27.138 Transfer record.

The transfer record for imported spirits prescribed in § 27.172 shall show the:

- (a) Date prepared;
- (b) Serial number of the transfer record, beginning with "1" each January 1;
- (c) Name and distilled spirits plant number of the proprietor who received the spirits from customs custody;
- (d) Country of origin;
- (e) Name of foreign producer;
- (f) Kind of spirits;
- (g) Age, in years, months and days of the spirits;
- (h) Proof of the spirits;

(i) Type and number of containers; and

(j) Proof gallons of spirits in the shipment.

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§ 27.139 Package gauge record.

When required in this part, a package gauge record shall be prepared to show:

- (a) The date prepared;
- (b) The related transaction record and its serial number; and
- (c) For each package:
 - (1) Package identification or serial number;
 - (2) Kind of spirits;
 - (3) Gross weight;
 - (4) Proof;
 - (5) Proof gallons;
 - (6) Name of warehouseman who received the spirits from customs custody; and
 - (7) Name of importer.

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§ 27.140 Certification requirements for wine.

(a) *Definitions.* When used in this section, the following terms have the meaning indicated:

Affiliate means any one of two or more persons if one of such persons has actual or legal control, directly or indirectly, whether by stock ownership or otherwise, of the other or others of such persons, and includes a winery's parent or subsidiary or any other entity in which the winery's parent or subsidiary has a controlling ownership interest. An affiliate also means any one of two or more persons subject to common control, actual or legal, directly or indirectly, whether by stock ownership or otherwise.

Importer means any person importing wine who must obtain a permit as provided in § 27.55.

Natural wine means the product of the juice or must of sound, ripe grapes or other sound, ripe fruit (including berries) made with any cellar treatment authorized by subparts F and L of part 24 of this chapter and containing not more than 21 percent by weight (21